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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA LIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S. IOM CANDIDATE

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PolOff delivered reftel demarche to Satya Rodrigo, Director General of UN and Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on July 12. Rodrigo acknowledged that the IOM Director General position has historically been filled by an American and said he supports continued U.S. leadership. He confirmed that the Government of Sri Lanka likely will support USG endorsed candidate Ambassador William Swing, and would not consider supporting an independent American candidate.
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